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PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

MASON MAN CHARGED WITH FEDERAL WEAPONS OFFENSE

Re: United States v. Kevin BOULAIS.

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms Resident Agent in Charge Kraig Hankins, and Mason Police Chief Robert Malboeuf announce that Kevin BOULAIS, DOB 12/3/52 was arrested yesterday on a federal Criminal Complaint charging him with being a felon in possession of a firearm.

BOULAIS appeared in the U.S. District Court before U.S. Magistrate Judge James R. Muirhead, who detained him without bail pending a detention hearing scheduled for March 26, 2003.

The Criminal Complaint against BOULAIS, part of the Department of Justice's "Project Safe Neighborhoods" (PSN) initiative, alleges that BOULAIS, who was previously convicted of several felonies, illegally possessed a 10 gauge shotgun and ammunition at his home during August, 2002. Federal law prohibits individuals convicted of felonies from purchasing or possessing certain firearms.

The charges resulted from an investigation conducted by the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the N.H. State Police (Troop B Barracks, Milford) and the Police Departments of Greenville and Mason, N.H. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante.

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